ornaments which graced the Christmas trees in free Lithuania. This handiwork became the main attraction of the exhibit. The **Chicago Tribune** helped immensely by publishing a photo of Mrs. Mazeliauskas, creating her intricately-designed ornaments. The Christmas tree display has become traditional at the Museum, and the Lithuanian tree has had a place of prominence ever since.

TWENTY-SECOND CONVENTION

The organization's 22nd convention was held August 18-21, 1947, in Holy Trinity parish, Hartford, Connecticut. Hostesses for this gathering were the members of Chapter 17. This convention, as others before it, left the delegates with unforgettable memories. As every convention in the past, this, too, was begun with the holy sacrifice of the mass, which was offered by Msgr. J. Ambotas, pastor of Holy Trinity parish. An interesting and appropiate sermon was delivered by the Supreme Spiritual Director, Rev. N. Pakalnis.

The presidium consisted of: Chairman — Mrs. E. Paurazas (Mich); Vice-Chairman — Miss M. Jokubaitis (Conn.); Secretary — Mrs. M. Zemaitis (Mass.); Assistant Secretary — Miss V. Galnaitis (Ill.).

Supreme Secretary, Mrs. Albina Poska, received a standing ovation in appreciation of her efforts in preparing a new constitution, which this convention approved with an overwhelming 2/3 majority. The other members of the Supreme Board were thanked warmly and graciously for their harmonious work and devotion to their tasks.

Elected to the Supreme Board were: Rev. N. Pakalnis, Spiritual Director (Mass.); Mrs. A. Driza, Pres. (Mich.); Miss V. Galnaitis, Vice-Pres. (Ill.);

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Mrs. A. Poska, Secretary (Ill.); Mrs. H. Statkus, Treas. (Ill.); and Trustees Mrs. E. Paurazas (Mich.) and Mrs. F. Bacinskas (Mass.). Mrs. N. Meskunas of Waterbury, Conn. was elected to the newly created post of Supreme Director.

Mrs. S. Sakalas was reappointed to the editorship of the monthly publication "Moterų Dirva".

Dr. S. Biezis remained as Medical Examiner and Mr. Joseph Grish, Attorney-at-law, remained as Legal Advisor.

State Directors: Conn. — Mrs. N. Meskunas; Ill. — Mrs. M. Srupsa; Mass., Maine and N.H. — Mrs. G. Kaneb; Mich. — Mrs. M. Kase; N.Y. and N.J. — Mrs. S. Strazdas; Ohio — Mrs. A. Stepulionis; Pa. — Mrs. J. Tamanauskas; Maryland — Miss A. Matukaitis.

Literary Committee: Miss V. Galnaitis, Mrs. A. Wackell, Miss M. Jokubaitis.

Grievance Committee: Mrs. M. Delionis, Mrs. M. Paukstis, Mrs. K. Sriubas.

Delegates to the A.L.R.C. Federation: Mrs. V. Liutkus and Mrs. A. Barvitz.

As the year came to a close, there were several reasons for rejoicing — the membership drive had been successful and two new Alliance chapters had been organized, Chapter 51 in Detroit, Michigan, and Chapter 74 in Los Angeles, Calif.

1948 Activities

This year was begun with the traditional membership drive. The members were urged to work harder than ever before so that it would make a noteworthy addition when recorded in the Alliance's history.

A joyous moment was the news that Congress had passed legislation enabling 205,000 displaced persons to enter the U.S. during a period of two years, and that the bill was signed into law by President of the United States Harry S. Truman. Once again, there was work to be done! In the forefront were the women of the Alliance, anxiously awaiting the arrival of Lithuanian displaced persons. Concentrated effort was put into obtaining sponsors, in locating home and jobs for the new arrivals. With open heart and hand they waited almost impatiently, to embrace and console them.

The month of June, 1948 marked a very special anniversary — 25 years of editing and administrating for Editor of "Moterų Dirva", Mrs. Sophia Sakalas. Such an outstanding achievement could not go unnoticed or unacknowledged and so a banquet in her honor was arranged, which was attended by hundreds of members, family and friends, editors, journalists and clergy, as well as outstanding figures in the Lithuanian community, among them Lithuanian Consul and Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis.

TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION

The Alliance's 23rd convention was held on August 15-18, 1949, in Immaculate Conception parish, Chicago, Ill. Hostesses for this convention were members of Chapter 20.

On the first day of the convention, mass was offered by Rev. John